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Professor Virchow, the German Libera leader, thinks disarmament is in That is about where it will end. Major General Otis is making a record in

the Philippines that will make him lineal successor to the title of Unconditional Sur-

the United States and Great Britain so long as Canada is allowed to say what questions the joint high commission shall or shall not The reports from the gold mines of the

world thus far indicate a yield of about \$340,000,000 for the current year. Upon the basis of the increase of the past three years the estimate for 1900 is \$400,000,000.

The unprecedented influx and surplus of gold currency are creating a new financial embarrassment, and one that may call for special legislation by Congress to cure. It is an embarrassment of riches very different from what the advocates of free silver predicted would occur under the gold stand-

The latest explanation of the obstructive tactics of the Cuban generals is that by greatly exaggerating the actual number of soldiers in the Cuban army they hope to have the \$3,000,000 distributed on a basis that will leave about \$1,000,000 to be divided among the generals. They are a fine lot of disinterested patriots!

It is said that an Irish-American Repub lican convention is to be called to protest against an Anglo-American alliance. There is no more occasion for such a convention than there was for the recent hysterical rotest of a few German-Americans against such an alliance. Let us all be sensible Americans and not make mountains out of

There seems to have been an unnecessary amount of grumbling over the surrender of arms by the Cuban soldiers. The objective point of the whole business is the disnt of the army, and to accomplish of no consequence whether the delivered to United States authorto mayors of Cuban towns. The arms have no money value and very little value as weapons, and even if they had there is no probability of the Cubans using them again. The whole contention is a sentimental quibble in which the United States could well afford to yield to the childish demands of the Cubans. The United States should not push its questionable authority in Cuba to an extreme.

The Springfield Republican is still grumbling over the government's treatment of Atkinson's literature, and says, apropos of a remark by a London paper, that it is "difficult for some Americans to realize that a n in the field is on a very different footing from a citizen going to the ballot box at home. We have yet to realize that volunteer soldier abdicates all his rights and is only a hireling in a military machine. It was not so in the civil war." It was not so in the civil war, and innumerable were the evils growing out of the freedom of the mails and the liberty accorded to individuals even in the ranks. A more strict dis spline and a sterner treatment of the Atof that day might have shortened

Mr. Hall Caine has gone to Rome to get material for his next novel, which is to deal with the papacy. Mrs. Humphry Ward is also to live in Rome for a time, it is understood, for a similar purpose. The novel which is avowedly a vehicle for conveying heavy boluses of theology and philosophy and weird social theories into the mind of the unfortunate reader is becoming an object of dread to the old-fashioned perso who regards fiction rather as a means of entertainment than of instruction. No one of course, is obliged to read Mrs. Ward or Hall Caine, but these persons represent vast school, and it is difficult to escape the novel with a "purpose." The most inno cent-looking tale may prove to be a thinly disguised dissertation on socialism or have for its real theme a new religion. Fiction reading offers many pitfalls these days. The writer who will tell a story for the story's sake, and tell it well, is the one many weary readers are looking for.

The result of the prosecution of Mrs. Fowler by the New York Board of Health as a Christian Science healer on the asption that the person who died could have been restored to health if a regular physician had been called, is awaited with nuch interest. The alleged victim of prayer malpractice, Mrs. Bargnet, was sixty years of age and had suffered from dropsy a long time. She was an obstinate believer in the sealing power of prayer and an equally obstinate disbeliever in all kinds of medicines. The coroner expressed the belief that if the woman had been treated by a regular physician her life might have been prolonged this assumption the suit against Mrs. Fowler was begun. Learned lawyers

Scientist had forced herself upon the sick or to refuse to choose any cannot be questioned with success. Harold Frederic put all his faith in prayer and none in medicine who prayed for his recovery may subject them to the accusation of being fools, but it is fortunate for a great many of us that there is a wide difference between being fools and felons.

#### THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

The general opinion is that very little should be expected from the peace conference now in session at The Hague. It was a surprise that the Czar should call a conference to consider the subject of disarmament, because his government has stood for force and increased power by increased armament. At the present time the complications prevailing in eastern Asia, and which threaten the dissolution of the Chinese empire, are due mainly to the military preponderance of Russia in northern and central Asia. But for Russia the partition of the Chinese empire would not be considered. The only explanation for the wish of Russia for disarmament is found in financial straits in which that government finds itself, which seem to forbid an crease of army and navy, or that the Czar would like to use a part of the money spent through which nations now acquire power. But, whatever the cause which moved the Czar to become the champion of disarma ment, he is distrusted, and for that reason his proposition will not meet with a cordial response, even if it were practicable

It is understood that other nations will present propositions to the conference. The as a means of avoiding war. Great Britain will present a plan for the establishment of a court of international arbitration. the principle of which will also be supported by the United States. It has been given out that the United States and Great Britain will in some sense be allies, while Russia and France, as allies, will strive to control the conference against the aggressive powers, which will be led by Germany and sustained by Italy, Austria and other smaller after patient discussion, revealing what may that the governments may consider the sub-

If no action or recommendation should be made by the conference, its meeting and discussing such questions as will come before it is a hopeful indication, in that it can but be considered as a tacit admission that war is an evil to be avoided and can no longer be justified upon such pretexts as were the wars which made Europe a battlefield a little over a century ago. Even the base their objection upon the ground that increasing the power of nations by warlike preparation is the surest guarantee peace. No nation-not even Russia-would care to put itself before the world in the attitude of favoring war as the best means of settling international disputes.

#### "THE CURSE IN EDUCATION."

In the current issue of the North Ameri

can Review is an article by Mrs. Rebecca

Harding Davis, entitled "The Curse in Ed-

ucation," which, while it is open to criticism, contains statements, perhaps they may be called facts, which those who are in charge of common school education may do well to consider. Mr. Davis declares that the American assumption is "educate a man, teach him mathematics, chemistry or what not, and he can take care of himself in the universe. It is this unspoken creed," she says, "that has made schoolhouse a fetish in the United States.' In the course of the article several illustrations are given of the changes which have come with the years. One illustration is the condition of a New England village whose chief vocation was the whale fishery. The men could read and write and their families found employment in minor industries. It was a healthy and human community. The whale fishery has died and so have the men who followed it; but the no industry to take its place. The natural resources of the locality are undisturbed, the old people of the village keeping themselves and their children alive by renting their houses to summer boarders. The children have but one ambition—to be educated. 'Visitors look with awe at the three huge schoolhouses and the free library until they discover that there is not a cobbler, nor a tailor, nor a druggist, nor a skilled chanic in the village, when they begin to wonder if book learning is the only wholesome and needful thing in the life of a community." The girls go through with "the course," nibbling at a dozen different sciences "long enough to learn the flavor of each, but not long enough to find any actual food for their brains." They can find no place to teach because New England is full of such women, so they settle down home, but spurn domestic employments and are no longer of the class of tradespeople, so they "mope and look at the world in false lights through their tears." The young men wait in vain for work in which their book learning will prove effective. "They have no capital to go into business; the professions are enormously overcrowded; they look with contempt on the trades or any manual labor in which was their chance The education they get is of the kind which on which they must depend for their liveli-

It will be said, and rightly, that the picture which Mrs. Davis has presented is in carefully observe must confess that there is higher schools. It is true that they have been taught in school or at home that there is something better for them than manual labor or the industrial pursuits, so they wait for which the applicants are five times as numerous as the places. The manual training school is a recognition and an attempt

of better instruction, which has been adopted in this State, offers an opportunity for the introduction of instruction in the industrial arts. But, after all, parents and public opinion are as much responsible for schools. So long as the idea prevails that get it to escape from the world's harsh hand-solling work, the best results of pubpopular writers make the ideal life one dleness and picture those who do the world's work in forbidding colors, there will be "the curse in education."

#### THE POPE AND THE PEACE CON-FERENCE.

Several weeks ago when delegates to the Czar's peace, conference were being appointed it was stated that Italy would not send representatives if the Pope was allowed to do so. Italian delegates were ap pointed, and a few days ago it was stated that the Pope had expressed a wish that the papacy might be represented. Of course will not be. There have been periods in the history of the world when the con sent and approval of the Pope would have been the first step towards an international conference of any kind, and when the delegates of the Papal See would have been the most conspicuous and influential of any in such a conference. In the days when the Pope conferred lands and crowns and confirmed titles to thrones an international conference without papal delegates would have been like the play of "Hamlet" with Hamlet left out. The difference between those times and the present does not argue any decadence or loss of vitality or moral power on the part of the Roman Catholic Church, for nothing of that sort has occurred. It only shows that in the progress political science and civilization the ancient myth of the Pope's temporal power and sovereignty has been done away with As the spiritual and ecclesiastical head of the greatest church organization in world the Pope is as powerful and as much nored and respected as ever. time claim of temporal power has ceased to be recognized. It could not stand against tion of modern thought. The world has no yet entirely outgrown the absurd and vicious practice of union between church and state, but it has got away beyond the point of recognizing the head of any church as, by virtue of that position, the equal i temporal power and sovereignty of kings and emperors. Yet there is something papresent Pope, from the day of his installa tion to the present time, has, on every avail able occasion, asserted this ancient an once universally recognized but now obse lete dogma. In his first encyclical, issued i April, 1878, a month after his election, Pope Leo XIII said:

In every way we can we must assert the rights and the liberty of this Holy See. We can never cease to urge the obdue to our authority, that the hindrances may be taken away that stop the full free dom of our ministry and power, and tha we may be restored to the estate in which the judgment of divine wisdom established the prelates of Rome. We are moved to the demand of this restitution by no craftines of ambition, by no greed of power. It i ecause of the duty we have to accomplish It is because we are bound to do it by the sacred oath we have taken.

In this spirit for twenty years Leo XIII has continued on every available occasion to assert his temporal power without results and with constantly diminishing effect. There is not the slightest probability that the principle will ever again be recognized by any European government, and yet the Pope, almost in his last days, feebly asserts his right to be represented in a conference of the world's powers. No doubt if he were represented in the peace conference his voice would be for disarmament and peace but there will be no papal delegates there That day has passed.

### NARROW-MINDED DISCRIMINATION.

The Journal has had occasion to comment at various times on the action of the school boards of other cities in discriminating against married women as teachers, and has expressed gratification that the Indianapolis board held more liberal and intelligent views. Now that this board has ruled against the employment of any woman in whose family a husband chances to be included it has written itself down not only as narrowminded and ill-informed, but as holding an entirely incorrect view of its official duty One of its first duties is to promote the in terests of the schools by providing the pu pils with the best teachers obtainable. It is who have husbands. Contrary to the opinion evidently entertained by school commission necessarily tend to encourage imbecility and general incompetency in the wife Women have been known to retain all their accomplishments and even to gain an in tellectual strength after marriage, and even school directors will acknowledge that motherhood does not disqualify women for the proper understanding and care of other children than their own. What the solicitous gentlemen profess to fear is that the pupils at school will not get the attention they require because of the wandering of the little ones at home, the school-board idea being that every married woman who offers to teach has a houseful of neglected small children. As a matter of fact, the women with husbands who so shock the sensibilirarely of the class mentioned, but even if this were so, is a teacher who has a family good one, too, that the husband must supexceptions, and these are likely to be more makes them loathe and despise the work | and more frequent if industrial conditions continue to progress as they are now doing. he may receive wages so scant as to be insufficient to supply his family with what it competition of "female cheap labor."

small schools and collecting the pupils in its business whether a teacher is married medical attendance and the Christian | centers when they can have the advantage | or unmarried. Nor is it a part of its bust-

she should not occupy her time in teaching,

ness to distribute the school fund to the schools are not rightfully a charity organiposition is discriminated against because its of support they are made a charity disbursing concern; the candidate who is accepted because she is supposed to need the position more than another becomes simply an object of public charity. Every self-respecting teacher should resent the action of the board on Friday night as a reflection upon her standing in the community. And the board cannot do better than to rescind its action at the first opportunity.

Coming events cast their shadows before The home-coming of Admiral Dewey has, is said, caused an extraorinary demand for cloth prints for conversion into bunting. That means that the flag is to be much in evidence. From the preparations already beginning to be made it is evident that the admiral's arrival in the United States will enthusiasm such as the country has seldom witnessed. He has shown excellent judgment in timing his voyage, so as to reach New York about Sept. 1. This will give him fully three months of restful travel, with occasional stops in which to recuperate his health and put him in good condition to meet the demands upon him which are sure to be made after he reaches here. For there will be a great time when Dewey comes sailing home.

Ex-Senator Peffer's long dalliance with the heresies of Populism, which he has finally discarded, does not prevent his being sound on expansion. He believes in the justice of the Philippine war and the right of the United States to establish its sover-

eignty in its own possessions. He says: Aguinaldo is simply a disturber and a rioter, and we cannot treat with him until he is suppressed. I think our government is acting wisely, and the sooner we get the disturbance quelled the better. I cannot help looking upon the fellows here at home who are raising such a hubbub as copperheads. I don't want to be unchristian, but I don't like the way they talk. I don't agree with the cry that we. ought not to govern without the consent of the governed. We have no such national policy, and never had. In our whole history we have acted on the theory of our right to possess this continent.

A New York critic, in commenting on the work of Miss Wilkins, complains that her observation of life is restricted by the fact of her sex and that her delineations of character are confined mainly to women and to women, at that, of small affairs and narrow lives. The criticism is rather an unreasonable one. Miss Wilkins was born and reared in the region of which she writes, and her success and her charm are due, without doubt, to the fact that she writes of what she knows best and does not attempt to handle unfamiliar themes or wander abroad for "material." It is not true that she confines herself to studies of women, for some of her most striking characters are men, but, if she did so, why should any reader complain? Certainly such a course would be no proof of a limitation of her powers. Male novelists are seldom successful in the delineation of female character. Women are an acknowledged mystery to the average masculine comprehension, and when one of their number undertakes to portray them her efforts should be welcomed. The fact that Miss Wilkins's women move on a narrow stage and are of humble life has no bearing on the importance or the accuracy of her work. Mr. Howells's women travel a little further over the earth, but they belong to precisely the same class. Each must draw what he sees. And it is not the literary creation of aristocratic or political distinction which achieves the greatest fame. It was not the fact of sex that led the artist Millet to deal with humble subjects. As well criticise him as Miss Wilkins for the measure of the

canvas Any person who thinks that Oklahoma nd Indian Territories are inhabited chiefly by friendly Indians and cowboys is much mistaken. The first annual meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs of the two Territories, just held at Guthrie, brought together 400 bright women, representing twenty-five local clubs, including a Browning club, a Hawthorne club, a Kipling club, and others as characteristic.

Kansas City, Kan., and Kansas City, are preparing for a joint celebration of the return of General Funston and of the local committee, will make Rome howl. The programme has not yet been made out in detail, but it will presumably include the swimming of the Kaw by the heroes of the Bagbag.

Notwithstanding the fact that its "open doors" have long been distinctly visible to the entire country, New York affects sur prise over the disclosure of the Mazet inquiry that it is a wide-open town. What a good thing it would be if the Eastern metropolis could get a look at itself from a

Note to the publishers of the new magazine, the Philippine Monthly, which ist made its appearance in Manila: "We are getting plenty of Philippine literature in the newspapers and magazines here, and do not care to subscribe, thank you.'

### BUBBLES IN THE AIR.

The Rooter-Sa-ay, that's a bird!

The Umpire-'Owl!

A Necessity. Watts-I hate to see a man a casehardened onfirmed partisan Potts-A man has to be a confirmed partisan if he wants to be a confirmed post-

The Difference. By the way, what is the difference in ime between here and New York?"

"It depends upon what sort of time you mean to have, but in a general way, \$20 an hour ought to cover it." How It Happened.

Mrs. Watts-Here is an odd story in the paper; a man started to repair a pigsty, which so enraged the animal that it killed

Mr. Watts-Perhaps the pig thought the nan was going to begin housecleaning.

### LITERARY NOTES.

Gelett Burgess, of "Purple Cow" fame, is one of the most popular members of the American literary colony in London J. M. Barrie's sequel to "Sentimental Tommy" will be called "Tommy and Grizel." It exhibits an artistic temperament under the influence of the passion of

"Petticoats" is the title of Sarah Grand's new serial. It forms one of the series of of woman which began with The scene is laid in a lovely part of the country seventeen miles from the railway Tolstoi's latest novel is being printed in

installments in the St. Petersburg weekly Niwa. It is said to contain the literary merits of his "War and Peace" and "Anna The sufferings of a betrayed girl form its subject. Thomas Balley Aldrich, since inheriting a fortune, has been criticised for writing less than heretofore. "This is unjust," he says,

tion of what I do write. I work just as much G. W. Steevens's "With Kitchener to Khartum" was recently reissued in Eng-

"for, though I do not have to produce so much, I give the time to careful considera-

land in sixpenny form and an edition 150,000 copies was wholly bought up before the day of publication. The book has had an almost phenomenal sale in the higher priced edition

A Philadelphia paper says: Miss Agnes Repplier is among the distinguished foreign visitors expected to the International Congress of Women, to be held in London, but it is feared that her late illness, from which she is but slowly recovering, will prevent her presence."

"Dulce Cor" is the title of a book of verse the author of which is no less a person than Mr. S. R. Crockett, the novelist. It was printed in 1886, and the name which appeared on the title page as that of the author was "Ford Bereton." The volume is now out of print; its contents are said to be up to the level of Mr. Crockett's prose work. Mr. Augustine Birrell, in a recent after-

dinner speech where only authors and publishers were present, said: "Publishers can and do, make a good deal of money out of authors who have long since ceased to exist. The best literature available is noncopyright. During the last few years publishers have made comfortable fortunes out of the works of the late Mr. William Shak speare. Therefore, let the ambitious young novelist be not too ambitious in his genera-

Among the books to be brought out by the Bowen-Merrill Company of this city the coming season is a volume of children's stories by Miss Clara Vawter, of Greenfield Ind. Miss Vawter is a contributor to various periodicals, and her stories have won much commendation, having a charm for readers both old and young. The volume will be illustrated by the author's brother, the well-known artist, Will Vawter, and will be something quite out of the common in juvenile literature.

The late William Morris's views on the laureateship, as made public in Mr. Mackall's biography, were peculiar and interesting. Mr. Gladstone was willing to offer Morris the succession to Tennyson, but, on being sounded, the Socialist poet, although pleased with the honor, declined unreservedly, stating that, in his opinion, the function of poet laureate was that of a cerenial writer of verse, and that the Marquis of Lorne, the languidly literary son-inaw of Queen Victoria, was the fittest person to fulfill it

Like Mrs. Oliphant, William Morri seemed able to work anywhere and under any interruptions. A friend of his records in Mr. Mackail's life of the poet that she ound him alone one day writing poetry. Seeing his occupation by the look of the manuscript, she was turning to leave the room again when he called out to her: "Where are you going, Mary?" "I thought you were busy writing poetry," she said. What the devil has that got to do with

tell me a tale." Miss Mary H. Krout, whose book on Hawall, issued last year, contains a variety of practical and useful information not easily mand in consequence, has been occupied recently in the preparation of a small volume Looker-on in London" will be brought out n the fall, both in New York and London Miss Krout is soon to go to China as representative of a syndicate of newspapers. She will carry with her, among other letters, credentials from the secretary of state to United States consuls and diplomatic repre-

sentatives in the far East. The English Society of Authors held it annual banquet recently and a report of the affair in the London Mail says: "There some distinguished authors present-Gilbert Parker, who knows all about Canada; Mr. Anthony Hope, who knows al about Zenda; Mr. Zangwill, who knows all about the Ghetto: Mr. Benson, who knows all about Dodo; Mr. H. M. Stanley, wh knows all about the earth: Sir Robert who knows all about the heavens: Mr. Ja cobs, who knows all about the waters: Martin Conway, who knows all about the great hills; and Sir Walter Besant, who knows all about everything—to say nothing of Lady Colin Campbell, who lends a grace

even to literature. Carlyle and his wife were, according to Mrs. Oliphant, a "much maligned, much misunderstood pair." She tells of a call on her by Mrs. Carlyle when Mrs. Oliphant was in distress over a sick child: "Mrs Carlyle sat by me so kind and tender and full of encouragement, as if she had known all about babies; but she did not stay very long. I think I can see her by the side of the fire, telling me all kinds of comforting things, and by the first post possible that same evening I got a letter from her telling me that Mr. Carlyle had made her sit down at once and write to tell me that a sister of his had once had just such an attack, which never was repeated. God bless them, much maligned, much misunderstood! That was not much like the old ogre his false friends have made him out to be. Harold Frederic's last novel, "The Market Place," is to be published simultaneously in America, England and Canada. The publish ers announce that the novel in book form will contain much that was omitted from it in its serial publication, and in book form only can the reader have the story just as it left the pen of the author. periodicals are sometimes compelled to make decided changes in an author's copy, because of the peculiar needs of their publications but the novel-reading public is entitled to receive in book form, if not serially, the work of its favorite writers free from

Mr. Robert W. Chambers cuts hi work without mercy, frequently reducing a novel from 80,000 to 60,000 words after it has finished and revised many times. mania for cutting out whole pages is a joke with his friends, who assert that, unless forcibly deprived of a novel by his pub ishers, he would in time leave nothing manuscript except the title. It is said that his latest book, "Outsiders," soon to be published, was cut from 100,000 to 60,000 words and that only the firmness of his publishers saved the book from total extinction.

### NEW INVENTIONS.

A handy thread box has been patented, having horizontal rods set in the sides on which the spools are strung with small apertures in the front through which the ends of the threads are passed for use.

A combined chiffonier and bathtub has been designed by an Ohioan, the tub being hinged at the head to the rear of the chiffonier to tip down into a horizontal position for use, and folding out of sight when

Overshoes are securely held on the feet by a Pennsylvanian's device, having an eyelet formed at the back of the shoe upper, into which a hook is fastened, the latter being attached to the heel of the rubber by metal plate.

A centrifugal merry-go-round has been designed by a Californian, having a circular carriage suspended on a track at a suitable height, with the cars hung around the carriage on hinged rods to swing out as the

speed increases. To indicate at what page of a book a reader left off a new book mark has slits cut in a piece of cardboard for the reception of numbered strips, which are moved up or down until the figures read the num-ber of the page wanted.

Invalids can be carried safely in a new coach, which has the back removable to al low a stretcher to be inserted from the rear. with suspension devices inside on which the stretcher is hung to lessen the shock as the carriage is driven along. In a new buttonhole-cutting attachmen for shears a pair of adjustable cutting dies

are fastened to the shanks of the blades by screws, the faces of the dies being moved by the screws until they are in position to cut a hole of the length desired. A folding seat has been patented for use in windows, the frame being formed of steel tubing, with hooks at the rear, which en-

gage the sill, and braces at the ends to sup-

port the back, the seat portion being fas-

tened to the ends with hooks, Papers and documents can be easily examined if filed in a newly-designed drawer, which has the bottom pivoted on either side

to tilt up and expose the heads of the letters to view, the bottom being tipped down in place as the drawer is close Playing cards and counters are held in onvenient position for solitaire card playing by an improved game board, which has

card receivers formed of spring wire placed around the edges of the board to grip the cards, which are inserted under them Small animals are caught alive in a new trap, which has a cage suspended between two vertical posts, with a cord passing over a crossbar to hold the cage at the top of the posts until the opposite end of the cord is released by a movement of the trigger. A German has patented a jumping rope which has the advantage of increased weight at the center to make it swing easily and lightness at the ends, where no weight is needed, the central portion being woven with

a larger number of cords than the ends Ladies will appreciate a new mirror at tachment, which will enable them to see the back of their hats and gowns, a clamp becarry a series of links forming a flexible

arm, which can be adjusted to bring a small irror into position to show the figure in the large one

Railroad ties are easily extracted from sisting of a toothed rod with gripping jaws at one end, arranged to slide in an opening in a frame, with a lever to engage the teeth and pull the tie from under the rail.

A Nebraska woman has patented an improved carpet tack which has an L-shaped ead, with a barb on the under side, a spring tongue projecting from the side of shank to lock against the barb after the edge of the carpet is forced on to the tongue. An Englishman has designed a chair having a reversible seat and back which can be used immediately after a storm, the seat being proted at the ends, with bolts fitting n slots to support the end bars and allow

the back to swing over and reverse the seat.

An improvement in bicycle construction,

patented by an Englishman, allows the rear wheel to be removed without disconnecting the chain, the under side of the slotted hub support being hinged to the frame to drop down when unclamped and release the hub. A disappearing bicycle support has been nvented which is out of the way when not in use, being formed of a loop-shaped member which fits into a well in the floor, two holes being drilled in a plate over the well, n which the loop slides when lifted for use. For increasing the leverage of a hammer in drawing nails the head is hollowed out at the end to receive a fulcum block, which pivoted in one side of the aperture to swing out against the head when in use and enter the head when the hammer is used

in driving To lessen the jar of railroad cars a cushion wheel has been patented, the edge of the disc having a V-shaped slot, which is covered with a cushioning material before the outer shoe is put on, the latter having its inner edge shaped to fit the groove on

For filtering water on the march a pack saddle filter has been patented by a New Jersey man, composed of a tank to receive the impure water, with pipes leading to the filtering apparatus, the water being forced into the tank by a hand pump attached to the saddle. Parallel lines can be drawn on a black-

poard of a Massachusetts man's device comprising a handled block, with a number of fingers pivoted to it, having sockets at the ends for the reception of the crayons, the fingers being adjusted to make the lines of the desired width

Rolls of photographic film are developed automatically by a German apparatus, in which the proper baths are arranged in a straight line, with rollers suspended in a position to pass the film through the baths, end of the treatment. Elevator cars are securely locked against

movement when the doors are open by a new apparatus, which uses pneumatic pressure to lock the motor from revolution, a valve being located at each door, which automatically operates the locking mechanism as the door is opened. To exercise the fingers and strengthen

their muscles a new apparatus has an armrest to raise the hand and place it in a position to stretch a number of flexible cords, which are attached to the fingers and the bottom of the device, to act on the muscles as the fingers are moved To deaden the sound in walking over the

hard floors and ease the jar on the body. heel rubber has been patented, having a hick bottom, with a raised flange at the sides and rear, the front being formed by a strap with snap buttons at the ends to stretch it over the heel of the shoe. In a new chainless cycle only one large wheel is used, this being suspended in the

center of the frame, with a small steering wheel in front and a trailer behind to prevent the machine from tipping over, frame being of such shape that the cranks are attached directly to the center wheel. To illuminate a road at night a Southerner has patented a lantern holder for attachment to the end of a wagon tongue, consistng of a circular thimble to surround the tongue and carry the lamp, with a hole bored in the upper side of the tongue to re-

ceive a pin which keeps the lamp vertical. Combination street cars for summer and winter use are to be made under a Pennsylvanian's patent, the upright roof supports having grooves cut in them for the insertion of sliding panels, which are pushed up the roof to form an open car, with a central aisle for passage when the panels are down. A new style of roller skate has been designed by a Frenchman, consisting of large wheel suspended on the side of a metal brace to be strapped to the leg, the hub of the wheel having a ratchet attachment which prevents the wheel from turning backward when a stroke is taken with the other foot.

### SHREDS AND PATCHES.

If a man is worth knowing at all he is worth knowing well.-Alexander Smith. Superstition never keeps people from acepting thirteen for a dozen.-Chicago News. It is always the things we are forbidden to eat that are the cheapest .- Feminine Ob-

He is rich or poor according to what he is, not according to what he has.-Henry Ward Many women would love nature better if

wasn't so hard on the shoes .- Emma Tidies have been out of style for years, and yet men haven't improved much .- Chi-

cago Record. Anybody who knows enough can learn something from anybody else.—Boston Chris-According to the germ theory, the only

afe way to clean a house is to set fire to There is no man living who isn't in his eart just a little bit Feminine Observer. Christ said "Let your light shine," but He

did not say, Blow your trumpet on the street corner.-Ram's Horn. It is a good deal safer in your haste to say that all men are liars, than to make invidious distinctions.-Puck. They speak of an elaborate banquet as be-

ing so much a plate because it is so much a bottle. Boston Transcript. There is something wrong somewhere when the night latch fails to yield to a buttonhook at 2 a. m.-Chicago News. One is so glad of a little kindliness when

ne has longed for much, and been fearful of winning none .- A Lover's Revolt. A man's sins are not ignorant, and he goes into them with his eyes open because he wants to.-The Letter and the Spirit. Next to being forgiven for a sin there is perhaps nothing more satisfactory than to epeat the transgression.-The Puritans. There is no such thing as an old newspa-

per: the oldest one in print contains something you haven't read .- Chicago Record. The man who doesn't lift his hat when he meets his wife probably refers to his mother as "the old lady."-Chicago Times Herald. Every town young man imagines he can out on his best clothes and go into the country and cut out any young farmer .- Atchi-

A hoss-trade ain't like anythin' else. A feller may be straighter'n a string in ev'rythin' else, an' never tell the truth-that is, the hull truth-about a hoss.-David Harum.

### ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

his eightieth year. He is enjoying a fair measure of good health. Japanese children write better with left hand, while with the right hand they can turn out 10 per cent, more work in a given time. Gen. N. A. Miles has the walls of his

study at his home covered with arms of

Mr. Herbert Spencer recently entered on

every description sent or collected from all State Senator Stout, of Menominee, Wis. purposes to build several pieces of practical road in his country this summer, at his personal expense, in order to furnish an eco-

nomic object lesson to the farmers. The late Roswell P. Flower in six years saved \$1,000 upon a salary of \$12.50 a week. John Jacob Astor, the founder of the famly, said the first thousand dollars harder to get than all the rest of his for-

Ex-President Harrison's work in prepar-

ng for the Venezuelan arbitration, though

t has not interfered with his health, has been most severe. He would frequently sit down to it at noon and continue at his books until an early hour the next morning. Secretary of the Navy John D. Long is an excellent typewriter operator. While his rivate secretary was absent Friday he had on to write a letter. He calmly sat own and began work on a typewriti chine. The secretary never hesitated to find a key. He knew the machine thor-oughly and worked rapidly until his task

Latin scholar and devotes poring over works in that language.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts has just celebrated the eighty-fourth anniversary of her birth. Her fortune, thirteen tons of Eaglish sovereigns (£1,800,000), came to her quite unexpectedly when twenty-three years of age from her grandfather, Coutis, the banker. Mr. McKinley's hesitation about gratifying his growing desire to play golf is largely due, the gossips say, to a fear of the kodak fiends, who would be sure to get a snap shot at the President of the United

States in knee breeches and other clothes

which might be adjudged undignified. Jerry Simpson, according to the Chicago Record, is said to have saved enough from his congressional salary to keep him in reasonable comfort the rest of his life. He has a good ranch down at Medicine Lodge, which he "took up" as government land in early times, a bunch of 400 or 500 cattle and various investments that cause him to be rated at \$30,000 by the commercial agencies. A new Melba is already reported from Australia in Miss Amy Castles, who comes from the Bendigo gold fields, and recently made her debut in Melbourne, with tremendous success. Her voice is said to have much the same quality of Melba's, and perhaps the Australian climate is to pro a special type of soprano voice, as the American climate is said to have done.

Jaggers, who bounded briskly o'er the sea and tore for Chicago at the command of Richard Harding Davis, has appeared in the theater. The sentimentally inclined believe that this youth bore tender messages to the prospective Mrs. Davis. Jaggers, who is blessed with an uncommonly jolly name for farcical comedy, impersonated himself with great effect at the recent first performance of an English summer play. Theater-goers hung around the door to see the fam traveler go in and out, and were delighted to find him, a critic saye, a modest little fellow, with "nothing vulgar nor American in his ways." Miss Claire Romaine is enacting Jaggers at another London theater. Thus may the humblest become personages

Man wearies waiting for great bliss His zest in living to make strong, When, really, life's true art is this-To seize small joys that come along.

-Chicago Record. Twas in the gladsome month of May. When song birds trill a roundelay, That we went a Maying. a sailor hat, and goloshes muff she had. A paras nackintoshe

A fur c. and a palm-leaf fan. Equipped thus went we straying, For 'twas the gladsome month of May. And well we knew where safety lay When we two went a Maying.

## AN INDIANA VERSE-WRITER

#### Mr. Alonzo Leora Rice's Fame Has Extended Beyond His Own State.

The Sunny South, a literary weekly of Atlanta, Ga., one of whose owners is Mr. Clark Howell, of the Constitution, has put Mr. Alonzo L. Rice, of Ray's Crossing, Ind., in charge of its department of literary criticism and review of poetry. Mr. Rice is well known to readers of the Journal, to which he has been an occasional contributor for some years. Within that time many favorable comments have been made on his literary progress and the improvement on the character of his work, the evidences of thought and expression in his earlier efforts having given way to genuinely poetic fancies and a correct and pleasing style, an advance evidently the result of much painstaking and a study of the best literary models. From a eulogistic sketch of Mr. Rice and his work, contributed by an admirer to a recent issue of the Sunny South,

the following excerpt is taken: Mr. Rice attended the common school until he was nineteen, and then entered colege, graduating in a special course in 1894. He owes all to his own ability and not to college life, which was distasteful to his nature and was entirely too prosy, which tended to hamper his poetical inclinations. His school is the school of nature, and in its long aisles he walks and worships at her shrine. Under some towering oak, seate on a mossy brink, he contents himself with the priceless oders wafted from the lips the native flowers; he feels the purity beat its eternal march and tastes of sweets with a tongue of the gods. He love the wild flowers which bloom and blend along the crest of his native hills and deep

within their glens. In this school he grows deeper soul, a deeper thinker and a deeper He thinks the songbirds are the everlasting choir to man, and listens to their melodies with enraptured attention as he strays or stands within the shady bowers. The birds come to be fed at his library window. where he gives them his best attention while they eat their repast of crum his hand. He is a champion of the birds. and will put himself to much trouble in or-

der to be of service to one. He has certainly caught the inconstant moods of nature and penned them with an artist's hand. One enthusiastic admirer declares that since Tennyson his scenes of nature are unexcelled. im to both Tennyson and Wordsworth for the true and lasting touches he gives many of his effusions. None but poets born to the greatest fame can see and portray the innumerable golden and glittering fancies which he has given to the vision of eyes of dull and keen observers.

### WHAT FACES SHOW.

#### Clever Methods of Diagnosis Used by a Hospital Chaplain. London Spectator.

In an interesting article in the Spectator you remark on the power of the mind, or soul, to mold the body, as is seen in the countenances of the thinker and saint. may not perhaps be without interest mention how very useful I find this fact to be in my daily duties as a hospital chaplain. By continually scanning the faces of a never ceasing stream of new patients one learns to make a fairly accurate diagnosis of the religious state of mind within b merely looking at a person's face, and fore any word is uttered it becomes indeed comparatively easy to distinguish between opponent, the indifferent and the earnest without any questioning may seem exaggerated, but I believe it to be true that it can very generally be seen from the face to what religion a man be-

And what seems to be more remarkable is the effect that a man's work has through the mind on his face. The being accustomed to rule others seems to leave a distinct trace on the face, as does also the being ruled by others. Many trades can be distinguished by the face, and there seems to be a particularly marked difference on the face between coarser and the more refined trades. I do not in the least wish to pose as an ad-

this subject. Very far from it. Nor profess to see more than my neighbors. But having for some time thought that there is great deal yet to be discovered on this ne of thought, and as my experience seem to bear out what is put forward in your article. I have thought it might possibly be interesting to mention them.

#### ACTRESSES ARE BORN, NOT MADE, Viola Allen Says True Success Is Won by Natural Qualifications.

Ladies' Home Journal. A true actress is born, not made. The chief qualities which she must possess tre born with her; she must have health, strength, a good physique, brains, aptitude, imagination, memory and judgment; these aside from a generous share of instinctive talent and a goodly quantity of that in-describable and indefinable something which we call magnetism. I have not placed personal beauty in the category because it is not an essential, but an indisouted aid. In an educational way an actres can scarcely have too thorough, too broad or too complete a training. She must have a good mental basis to begin with, and with it a desire to learn and constantly learn as she progresses. The very least she can do with is the best comm education, and with this a knowledge of languages-French at least. She must have an apiness for iquale, as she is liable at any time to be called upon in some part to play or sing. Fencing and dancing add to grace, but these may be acquired and used as demanded. And, not least of all, the voice of the girl who aspires to become an actress must not only be carefully trained but its use must be unleggood. There are many natural qualifications which are ndispensable to the actress that the 170. fession of the stage becomes to a woman one of the most difficult which she can dertake. A young woman planning for herself a career as an actress cannot examine her natural qualifications too closely, for upon these, and not so much the cultivated qualities, must she depend for true success

# Natural Inquiry.

**Boston Transcript** The Bradley-Martin dinner party cost \$116.28 a plate. It is easy enough to make a dinner cost \$116; but what were the 23